

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, Applicant herein submits these claim amendments for consideration after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and simultaneously with payment of the issue fee.

By this amendment, allowed dependent claims 71, 102, 134, 153, 167, 168, 218, and 223 have been amended, and new Claims 227-273—which ultimately depend on an allowable independent claim—have been added. No amendments have been made to an allowed independent claim, and no claims have been canceled. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 31-37, 40-46, 49-55, 58-64, 66-76, 78-86, 88-95, 97-108, 110-118, 120-122, 124-127, 129-140, 142-150, 152-164, and 166-273 are in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 71, 102, 134, 153, 167, and 168

Amendments to allowed dependent Claims 71, 102, 134, 153, 167, and 168 are being made to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which the Applicant regards as the invention. Namely, the low-battery element has been modified by replacing "'enabled' with 'occasionally disabled and being initiated' by the microprocessor for measuring a voltage associated with the battery 'while the microprocessor is enabled.'" Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification at page 24, lines 3-9.

Applicant submits that amended dependent Claims 71, 102, 134, 153, 167, and 168 remain in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claim 218

Allowed dependent Claim 218 is being amended to depend on new Claim 248, which ultimately depends on allowed Claim 35. Applicant submits that amended dependent Claim 218 remains in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claim 223

Allowed dependent Claim 223 is being amended to depend on new Claim 227, which ultimately depends on allowed Claim 34. Applicant submits that amended dependent Claim 223 remains in condition for allowance.

New Claims

New Dependent Claims 227 to 273

New Claims 227-238, 268 ultimately depend on allowed independent Claim 34.

New Claims 239-244, 269, and 272 ultimately depend on allowed independent Claim 43.

New Claims 248-255, 263, and 273 ultimately depend on allowed independent Claim 35.

New Claims 256-262 and 264 ultimately depend on allowed independent Claim 44.

New Claim 265 ultimately depends on allowed independent Claim 46.

New Claim 266 ultimately depends on allowed independent Claim 53.

New Claim 267 ultimately depends on allowed independent Claim 62.

New Claim 270 ultimately depends on allowed independent Claim 52.

New Claim 271 ultimately depends on allowed independent Claim 61.

Applicant submits that for at least the same reasons that independent Claims 34, 35, 44-46, 52, 53, and 61 are allowable, new dependent Claims 227-273 are also respectively allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

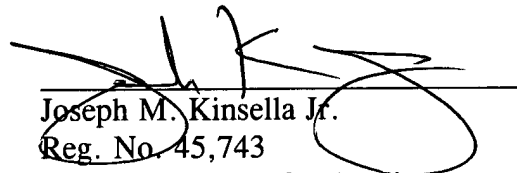
Upon entry of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If any additional fees are required with this correspondence, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account 50-0545.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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